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Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
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**(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
of Serial No. 09/623,397,
Filed October 27, 2000)**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of ☒ the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and/or ☐ the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the form PTO-1449 and each U.S. patent application listed below is enclosed, except a copy is not provided for each reference previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in prior parent application Serial No. 09/623,397.

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3. [X] Consideration of the following list of additional information (including any copending or abandoned U.S. application, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested.

English translation of The Patent Office of the People's Republic of China - Notification of the First Office Action, November 14, 2003 submitted in the parent application in an IDS filed on February 10, 2004.

4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:
- a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
 - b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
 - c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page ,
 - d. [X] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract submitted in the parent application in an IDS filed on December 14, 2000,
 - e. [X] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

Japanese Application 63-111781 is cited in the written opinion, a copy of which was submitted in the parent application in an IDS filed on December 14, 2000.

The remaining references are cited in the International preliminary Examination Report (previously submitted) and the written opinion.

Copies of Japanese references that were previously cited are attached to parent application in an IDS filed on December 14, 2000. Of these, Japanese application No. 3-270388 corresponds to U.S. Patents 5,542,008, 5,644,658 and 5,719, 962. Japanese application No. 200760 corresponds to British patent 2306846. Japanese Application No. 9-261073 corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,768,534. Japanese Application No. 5-227525 corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,398,078.

5. [X] A foreign patent office search reports citing one or more of the references submitted in the parent application in an IDS filed on September 5, 2000 and an IDS filed on July 31, 2002.
6. [] Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.704(d)

Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart application, and this communication was not received by any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AC	6-225276	8/1994	JP			Abstract	
	AD	7-50832	2/1995	JP			Abstract	
	AE	8-84342	3/1996	JP			Abstract	
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